

December Newsletter

Happy upcoming holidays/December to all our musicians and music families. We are entering into a really busy month, but with lots of fun and music as well. Although we aren't in December yet, due to how many dates there are it's best to email information out now before we get into the month.

- **2nd payments for Disneyland (\$1000) and Victoria (\$100) are due by the end of November.** If this is a challenge, please let us know so we can find a way to help alleviate the situation. Remember that fundraised money will come from the final payments and be deducted there. Vancouver tour payments are later on, please make sure to **check the website for details.**
- We still have some leftover chocolate almonds from the chocolate drive in the band room. If anyone wishes to attempt to sell a bit please let Mr.Kynoch know and we can work out some fundraising funds for students.
- Rooming lists are up for Disneyland and Victoria tours. Students need to sign up **before December 16th**. Students must go 4 to a room and rooms must all be the same gender. Any questions please discuss with music teachers. Rooms will need to be approved by Mr.Kynoch so choose your roommates wisely!
- Disneyland tour members please also make sure to fill out the form on our website found here: [Disneyland Tour Band - ADSS Music](#) which needs to be completed ASAP. If you are applying for a passport you will need to get that done VERY soon or risk being unable to obtain one due to the Canada Post strike. If this will be a challenge please speak to us immediately. On the form we REALLY need First and Last Name, as well as Date of Birth. If your passport is in the works please write "TBA".
- Special Disneyland rehearsal in the evening, **December 17th, starting at 6:30PM-8:30PM** to prepare for the music ahead. This is necessary to prepare for the intense performances we need to prepare for in February. We will do another evening like this in January and February to make sure everyone is fully ready. **These are must attends**, please plan accordingly.
- Coffee fundraiser #2- orders are being extended until **December 2nd** but MUST be in by then (no late exceptions). This is a fantastic fundraiser and a great chance to earn some big money for tours! We will do one more in the new year so take advantage of this great opportunity while we can.
- Carol Band- We have 3 performances the last weekend of November (and then we are done for the year! Before December even starts...)
 - Our tree light-up has been moved to **Friday, November 29th** with the time of us meeting at **4:45PM at the Harbor Quay**. Please dress warmly for this as it is an outdoor event regardless of the weather. Every student will need to be responsible for their instrument, and a stand. Stands may be borrowed from the music room Friday after school and returned for the Saturday gigs.
 - We have 2 gigs on **Saturday, November 30th** at the school (playing in the entrance of the school) for Stage West's performance of "The Nutcracker". We will be meeting at **1PM and 6PM** for performances. Students have the opportunity to attend the show for \$10 each, just bring money for after your performance.

- Pep Band- **Starts Monday November 25th after school, 3:15-4PM.** This is for Grades 9-12 students. Please make sure you have looked at the calendar posted in the Band room for when rehearsals are. We will also be doing a team photo on **Thursday, November 28th** after school so make sure to wear your red for the photo! We will have a busy season with other performances other than just Totem this year, with the possibility of our own trip this year! Gotta be there for details.
- Winter Concerts are coming up soon! **The first night, Tuesday December 10th, is for students in Choir/Grade 9/Grade 10. The second night is Wednesday December 11th and is for R&B/Grade 8s/Grade 11s/Grade 12s.** Students are required to be **at the school for 6PM the night of their performance, with the concerts starting at 6:30PM.** No tickets for our concerts, but we will be having a 50/50 at the door each night. Students are **REQUIRED** to stay for the performance in it's entirety as it is part of our learning outcomes, and just polite and respectful for all the performers. A reminder that performances are mandatory for the course and failure to attend without a valid emergency reason will result in a failing grade, and possible removal from the program. Students should have uniforms for this concert and will not be allowed on stage without one. Please contact your music teacher if this is a challenge or issue. Uniform information can be found on our website www.adssmusic.weebly.com
- On the last day of classes, **December 20th** we will be hosting our annual BandCake Breakfast. We will be looking for parent volunteers for that morning as we cook up some BandCakes for all our students (we will be emailing out again looking for helpers). Cooking starts at 7:00AM, and service will be from 7:30-8:30AM. Only music students will be allowed to come for BandCakes so come in and eat up!